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SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. BILL HYLAND WILL CALL BOB MCNAMARA TOMORROW TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO BRIEF HIM ALONG THE LINES YOU AND I DISCUSSED IN THE CAR THIS AFTERNOON. I TALKED TO MCNAMARA AND SUGGESTED THAT AFTER HE HAS THE HYLAND BRIEFING HE PROCEED ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY YOU TO ME IN THE CAR.

2. WE ARE WORKING ON A NEW SINAI MEMO WHICH WILL BE CLEARED WITH SCOWCROFT AND SENT TO YOU EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. I WILL TRY TO SEE MEL LAIRD EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. THE PIKE COMMITTEE STAFF HAS ASKED THAT I APPEAR TO GIVE SWORN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE STAFF ON CYPRUS NEXT WEEK.

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I FEEL I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO AGREE TO GO, BUT, SUBJECT

TO YOUR APPROVAL, WILL TAKE THE LINE THAT I WAS YOUR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AT THE TIME OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS AND CONSEQUENTLY NOT A POLICY LEVEL OFFICER. AS A RESULT I WILL BE BOUND BY YOUR RESTRICTIONS AND THEREFORE UNABLE TO DISCUSS ANYTHING OTHER THAN ISSUES OF FACT.

5. WHILE I DON'T WANT TO USE THE ARGUMENT UNLESS I HAVE TO, I FEEL THAT MY CLOSE AND INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AS YOUR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT MAKES IT TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO DISCUSS IN ANY WAY YOUR VIEWS ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. IF IT COMES TO THAT, I WILL INSIST THAT THEY MUST ASK THESE QUESTIONS OF YOU. IN ADDITION MY MEMORY IS HONESTLY VERY HAZY ON DETAILS AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO REFRESH MY MEMORY BY READING BACK FILES OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PIKE COMMITTEE ALSO PLANS TO CALL HARTMAN AND SISCO FOR SIMILAR SWORN TESTIMONY LATER IN THE WEEK AND THAT THEY MAY TRY TO TALK TO HELMS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST IN 1972 WHEN HE IS IN TOWN (AS HE MAY WELL BE FOR THE CHURCH COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK).

7. FINALLY, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE PIKE COMMITTEE STAFF WITH A BROADSIDE REQUEST FOR CABLES, MEMORANDA, LETTERS, ETC., HAVING TO DO WITH THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS IN 1972. THEY ARE ALSO TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE GRAHAM MARTIN IS BECAUSE THEY INTEND TO INSIST THAT HE APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE STAFF AND PROBABLY THE COMMITTEE. I WILL BE MEETING WITH BILL HYLAND AND MONROE LEIGH EARLY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS HOW WE OUGHT TO HANDLE THIS QUESTION. WE WILL COME TO YOU WITH A TELEGRAM AS SOON AS WE HAVE SORTED THE PROBLEM OUT.

8. I HAVE TOLD BILL ROGERS THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO LATIN AMERICA IN NOVEMBER. INGERSOLL

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